

Cameroonian refugee situation, Nigeria

1 - 31 December 2018

8,735 refugees received **cash** support for **food** and **4,515 refugees** received **non-food items** in Adagom and Anyake settlements (Cross River and Benue states).

UNHCR completed **rehabilitation** of **Adagom Health Center** (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River state), to improve health care delivery to refugees and host community.

1,141 refugee children and **pregnant** women were **vaccinated** in Anyake and Adagom settlements (Benue and Cross River states).

KEY INDICATORS

32,601

Cameroonian refugees registered with Level 1 and Level 2 registration [As of 31st December 2018]

2,790

Cameroonian refugees registered in Anyake settlement, Benue State [as of 31st December 2018]

7,236

Cameroonian refugees registered in Adagom settlement, Cross River State [as of 31st December 2018]



Renovated structure of Adagom Health Center by UNHCR for refugees and host community in Adagom (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River state). © UNHCR/L. Agiende

Operational Context

- Cameroonian refugees continued to arrive in Nigeria through unofficial entry points, as official borders remained closed. UNHCR partner Caritas recorded a total of 1,115 new arrivals in the border areas of Akamkpa, Bakassi and Calabar (Cross River state) during the reporting period.
- The European Commission's Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) team conducted a project-monitoring mission in the Anyake and Adagom settlements (Cross River and Benue states) from 10 to 12 December to evaluate their funding for shelter projects at both sites. The mission was impressed that the dignity of refugees has been restored through construction of their permanent shelters. ECHO contributed 300,000 euros to support the shelter needs of Cameroonian refugees.

Update on Achievements

- **Protection** – During the reporting period, UNHCR, government representatives, partner agencies, non-governmental organizations, refugees and host community members organized various activities to commemorate the 16-day Activism Against Gender-Based Violence initiative in Calabar, Ogoja and Adikpo (Cross River and Benue states). This is an annual global

campaign that starts on 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence) and ends on 10 December (Human Rights Day). Sensitization sessions, seminars, drama performances, processions, essay competitions, cultural dances and football competitions were carried out to create awareness of gender-based violence, and winners were presented with trophies and prizes.

- On 14 December, UNHCR carried out a protection-monitoring visit to the Akamkpa Local Government Area (Cross River state) to assess the needs of refugees. Forty-five refugees who took part in a focus group discussion were in dire need of registration and food.
- UNHCR partner Mediatrix commenced training on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and life skills for teenage refugee boys and girls in Calabar (Cross River state). In total, 20 teenagers (10 boys and 10 girls) between 14 and 17 years of age participated in the training, which was aimed at equipping them with necessary life skills, a career guide, sex education and personal hygiene information.
- UNHCR Protection closely monitored the CBI distribution for food in Adagom settlement (Cross River state) and ensured that hospitalized patients received the cash assistance. Ten refugees with specific needs were identified in the site and supported with food and non-food items including mattresses, essential for their settlement life.
- **Arbitrary detention** – Two refugees who were arrested in Calabar during the reporting period were released after UNHCR’s intervention. They were arrested following allegations of links to a separatist group involved in the unrest in the southwest and northwest regions of Cameroon.
- **Child protection** – UNHCR partner Rhema Care distributed baby-care kits (including napkins, cloths and socks) to 144 refugee children in the Adagom settlement.
- **Registration** – As of 31 December 2018, UNHCR and the National Commission for Refugees (NCFRMI) had registered a total of **32,601** refugees, **24,982** of whom were biometrically verified.
- **Relocation** – The UNHCR Protection team recorded and screened 119 spontaneous arrivals at the Anyake settlement (Benue state). The majority of these arrived from the Cameroonian forest, and others from the border localities of Abande, Ugugu and Amana (Benue and Cross River states). The refugees from the border localities reported that the precarious living conditions were their major reason for flight.
- **New settlement** – Drilling of two boreholes with a potential moderate yield was completed in the two new refugee settlements of Okende and Akpakpanga (Ogoja, Cross River state) in order to meet the expected demand. Construction of the internal road segment and rehabilitation of uncompleted government building structures for the potential refugee collective centre were concluded in the Okende settlement.
- **Shelter** - Construction of permanent shelters for Cameroonian refugees continued in the Adagom settlement (Cross River state). As of 31 December 2018, 687 permanent shelters had been completed in the two settlements of Anyake and Adagom with support from UNHCR and its partners. The project, funded by EU Humanitarian Aid, will provide permanent shelters for 4,000 Cameroonian refugees.
- **Food and non-food items** – A total of 2,464 refugee households (8,735 individuals) in the Adagom and Anyake settlements received cash support for food.

- Non-food items (including mattresses, buckets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, blanket, mosquito nets and soap) were distributed to 811 refugee households (3,253 individuals) in the Adagom settlement. In the Anyake settlement, 777 individuals benefited from the distribution of non-food items (including buckets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, blanket, mosquito nets and soap), while 485 refugees with specific needs received mattresses.
- **Livelihood** – UNHCR partner Mediatrix continued the distribution of cash grants for business start-ups to refugees and host community members in Adagom and Anyake settlements. During the reporting period, 107 beneficiaries who completed the vocational training received the grants.
- **Education** – UNHCR commenced construction of nine classrooms in the Adagom community (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River state), to increase learning space and provide quality education to refugee and host community students. In addition, renovation of St. Peter's Primary School in Adagom (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River state) was completed, and 160 school desks were provided to refugee and host community pupils.
- Renovation of the Local Government Area primary school in Abande (Kwande Local Government Area, Benue state) was completed during the reporting period by UNHCR, with support from its partner, the Foundation for Justice Development and Peace (FJDP).
- UNHCR, in collaboration with refugees and host community members, established a location for the Community Connectivity Project in the Adagom community. The innovation project is aimed at providing Information Communication Technology (ICT) packages and training for refugees and members of the host community.
- **Healthcare** – During the reporting period, the renovation of Adagom Health Centre was completed by UNHCR, while the construction of a reception centre and latrine block was ongoing. A latrine block was also installed in the health centre by Médecins sans Frontières (MSF).
- On 1 December 2018, 151 refugees in Anyake settlement received voluntary HIV counselling, testing services and condoms to commemorate World AIDS Day, with support from the Local Committee on AIDS (Kwande Local Government Area, Benue state). Three positives were identified, and started antiretroviral therapy in Primary Health Care Centre Igyom (Adikpo, Benue state).
- UNHCR donated 15 mattresses to Primary Health Care Centre Igyom in Adikpo, to improve health care delivery to refugees and the host community. Sensitization on health education and hygiene promotion was provided to 104 individuals in the Anyake settlement.
- A total of 1,141 refugee children and pregnant women were vaccinated in the Anyake and Adagom settlements during the reporting period.
- 543 individuals from refugee and host communities received free healthcare services in the Adagom Health Centre, with support from the Nigerian Red Cross Society in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)** – Hygiene kits (including soap, towels, buckets and jerry cans) were distributed to 419 refugee households in the Adagom settlement, while 424 women in the reproductive age group received menstrual hygiene kits to promote their

personal hygiene and dignity. Moreover, 467 households with children (0 – 4 years) received potties.

- WASH facilities, including six latrines and six shower blocks, were installed in the Adagom settlement, and two toilets were set up for refugees with specific needs.
- Two boreholes have so far been drilled in the Adagom settlement to ensure adequate water supply, but the yield remains insufficient, and will merely meet about 20 percent of refugees' water need. Given the low yield, the main gap in the WASH sector remains the inadequate water supply in the settlements.

Working in partnership

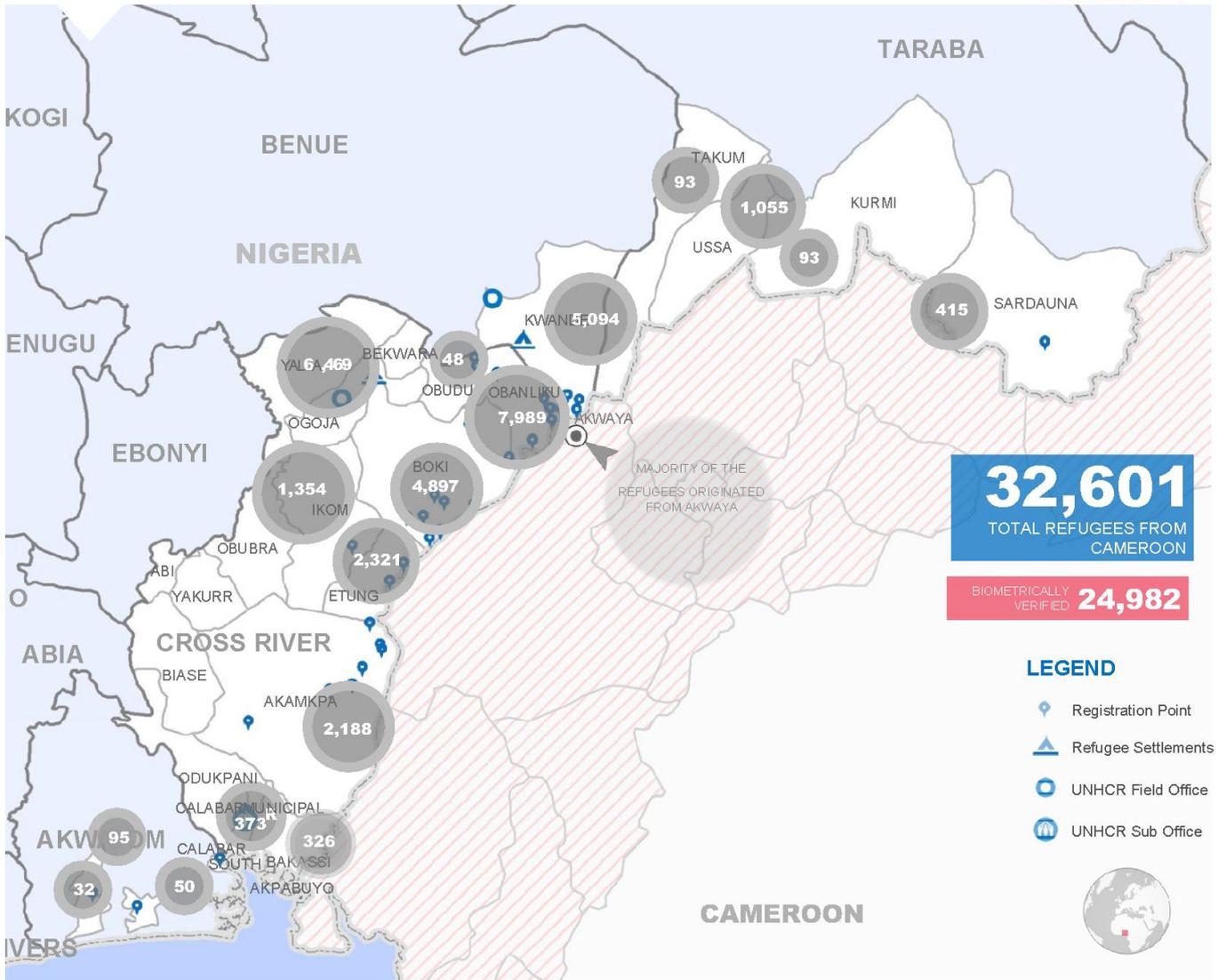
- Together with the Nigerian Government, UNHCR ensures international protection and delivery of multi-sectoral assistance to the Cameroonian refugees and has established a monthly coordination meeting in Calabar to foster closer collaboration with other UN agencies and humanitarian actors. The following partners implement specific sector activities in this situation: Catholic Caritas Foundation Nigeria (CCFN); Catholic Diocese of Makurdi – Foundation for Justice Development and Peace (FJDP); MEDATRIX Development Foundation; Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and Rhema Care Integrated Development Centre. Other partners also deliver services to the Cameroonian refugees with their own resources such as ADRA, ICRC, MSF, Save the Children, UNFPA and WHO.

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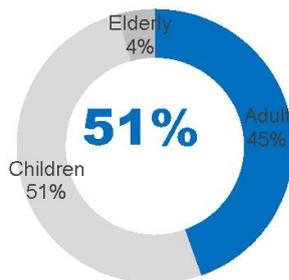


BIOMETRICALLY VERIFIED



77% (24,982 individuals) of the total refugees counted at household level has been registered/verified through biometric capture of iris, fingerprints (10) and photo. Refugee information were also validated through amendment of their existing information, litigation and support of national documentations. Provision of Refugee ID cards will ensure that credible information will effectively and efficiently provide protection to refugees.

REGISTERED REFUGEES PER AGE CATEGORY



51% of registered Cameroonian refugees are under the age of 17

REGISTERED REFUGEES PER MONTH



REGISTERED REFUGEES PER DEMOGRAPHICS

